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1. IN HIS INDEPDENCE DAY ADDRESS, AFTER DISCUSSING PROBLEMS OF OIL PRICES, NEED FOR OTHER PRODUCER COUNTRIES TO SEEK EQUITABLE PRICES FOR THEIR PRODUCTS, AND DESIRABILITY OF PRODUCER-CONSUMER AGREEMENTS, PRESIDENT BALAGUER MADE STATEMENT ON GENERAL SUBJECT OF RELATIONS WITH U.S.

2. HE SAID: "ANOTHER GUIDELINE OF OUR COUNTRY'S FOREIGN POLICY SHOULD BE THE AVOIDANCE OF ANY CONFRONTATION WITH THE UNITED STATES AND THE MAINTENANCE OF AN OPEN DIALOGUE BETWEEN THAT GREAT COUNTRY AND THE LATIN AMERICAN NATIONS. WE CANNOT, PROMPTED BY FALSE ROMANTICISM OR BY AN EXCESS OF PATRIOTIC FEELING, LOSE SIGHT OF THE FACT THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL ALWAYS HOLD A DECISIVE INFLUENCE OVER THE ECONOMIC DESTINY OF OUR PEOPLES AND WE CAN

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ONLY FIND SOLUTIONS WHICH FAVOR US ALL THROUGH A DISCUSSION

CONDUCTED IN A RECIPROCALLY FRIENDLY AND CONSTRUCTIVE SENSE.
THE BRUSQUE ELIMINATION OF THE DIALOGUE WHICH WAS TO TAKE
PLACE IN BUENOS AIRES BETWEEN SECRETARY KISSINGER AND THE
OTHER FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE CONTINENT ACHIEVED NOTHING,
IN OUR OPINION, BUT TO DELAY THE SOLUTION OF THE URGENT
PROBLEMS WHICH THE NEW TRADE REFORM ACT OF THE UNITED STATES
PRESENTS TO OUR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES."
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